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Immunoassay reagents and immunoassay method

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IMMUNOASSAY REAGENT AND IMMUNOASSAY METHOD

the specification of which is attached and/or was filed on as Application Serial No. and was amended on (if applicable)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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IMMUNOASSAY REAGENT AND IMMUNOASSAY METHOD

5 TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to an immunoassay reagent utilizing an insoluble carrier and an immunoassay method, and more particularly to an immunoassay reagent and an immunoassay method capable of high-sensitive detection of a target substance in a subject.

BACKGROUND ART

In the field of clinical testing, diagnoses of diseases are carried out using biosamples (such as blood and urine).

15 For these diagnoses, a variety of assays have been developed and utilized. Typical assays include biochemical assays such as utilizing an enzyme reaction, and immunoassays such as utilizing an antigen-antibody reaction. The recent demand to perform precise assaying of components present in 20 biosamples has led to the wide-spread use of immunoassay methods utilizing highly-specific antigen-antibody reactions.

Examples of immunoassay methods include immuno-turbidimetry (TIA method), latex immunoassay (LIA method), 25 enzyme immunoassay (EIA method) and radio-immunoassay (RIA